

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20 YEARS AGO

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

ADJOURNED AUCTION

On Thursday the house of Ephraim Knapp, in the borough of Bridgeport, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon will be sold at auction. Also three pieces of land, mostly wood, situated on the new road, leading from Bridgeport to Trumbull, about two and one half miles from the borough; containing twenty-six and one half acres. Terms of payment to be made on the day of the sale. Richard P. Nichols, Bridgeport, Conn.

POST RIDERS WANTED

The printers of public newspapers in the village of Poughkeepsie, N. Y. wish to obtain two or three steady men, to carry their several papers; on advantageous routes. The greatest encouragement will be given those who wish to make a permanent business of it; and routes may be obtained which shall enable them, by attention and faithfulness, to enhance their fortunes for themselves. None other than sober industrious men are wanted; and those acquainted with the business would be preferred. Application may be made personally to P. Potter, printer.

LOST

Strayed from the subscriber about July 10 last, a dark brown mare colt, two years old, one hind foot white; a star in the forehead; one of the long pokes; long dock, mane lying on the rear side. Whoever has or will take up said colt and give information to said subscriber shall be reasonably rewarded by Robert Sturges, Weston, Conn.

WANTED

Two or three boys 14 or 15 years of age to serve as apprentices to the Boot and Shoe Making business, to whom good encouragement will be given, if application is made soon. L. and D. Gorham, Stratford, Conn.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

FIRST AUTO HERE

The petition of J. A. and H. A. House for permission to run their new patented improved steam carriage through the streets of this city provoked considerable discussion at the common council meeting last night. It seemed for a time like the elephant which the unfortunate fellow drew in the lottery, but it was finally referred for examination to a special committee consisting of Aldermen Lyon and Nichols and Councilman Nickerson. The committee on fire department to whom was referred the subject of the petition of J. S. Emmons, et al, de hog pen and barn of Wakeman Platt on Prospect street, reported that the things complained of by the petitioner were contrary to law but made no recommendation: report accepted.

The special committee on the purchase of the old toll house on the Centre bridge, reported that they had made an agreement with Messrs. Hill and Johnson, to take care of the two bridges, for the use of the house and \$150 per year in cash: report accepted.

REDDING

Redding, Oct. 4.—In Monday's election the normal Republican majority again asserted itself by what was an average margin. The vote cast was about two-thirds of the total, being in this respect and also in the majority of about 40 a virtual duplicate of last year's results. Eleven ballots were rejected for faulty marking. As an index to what may be expected in November, Monday's vote is wholly devoid of significance. Because no one attempted to bring national questions into a contest which was rather more languid than usual and the factors of a nature entirely local and personal. There is one new member of the board of selectmen, Walter Perry of Georgetown, and a new member of the board of assessors in the person of Elbert M. Sanford. Otherwise the town official body remains about the same as last year. Following is the vote in detail: Selectmen—H. Sanford, Osborn r. 150; Walter Perry, 149; M. Joseph Sullivan, d. 98; Joel Godfrey, 99. Assessors—Elbert M. Sanford, r. 142; Charles Sanford, d. 97. Grand Jurors—John H. Hohman r. 150; Lem Warner, r. 145; Christian Miller, r. 135; George O. Dudley, r. 97; William A. Lounsbury, d. 98; Wm. C. Sanford, d. 100. Constables—Wm. E. Banks, r. 145; Harry Osborn, r. 141; D. R. Warner, r. 145; James Delaney, d. 94; Nicholas Santanello, d. 87; Charles Stauffer, d. 89. Tax Collector—John Muennich, r. 148; Wm. A. Grouse, d. 94. Auditors—E. A. Pinkney, r. 135; Rufus A. Lyons, d. 99. Register—Wm. C. Sanford, r. 142; A. W. Churchill, r. 140; E. M. Bradley, d. 93; Charles M. Rowland, d. 95. Town school committee—Dr. E. H. Smith, r. 137; D. S. Sanford, d. 97.

The business session on the afternoon was brief, the proceedings being confined to consideration and adoption of a series of resolutions which deferred the regular order of business to an adjourned meeting appointed for Saturday, Oct. 21. The main purpose of the resolutions was the creation of a finance committee charged with the duty of preparing a list of estimates which shall serve as a guide to intelligent action in the making of appropriations and the fixing of the tax rate. In the past this work has been done by the selectmen when done at all. By the new system the work becomes the duty of a finance committee made up of the retiring first selectman, town clerk, town treasurer, chairman of the school committee and five citizens by the town meeting.

Necessarily the committee must have time to perform its functions and this means that the annual business meeting must be held on a date later than election day. The new plan has obvious advantages, the principal objection to it being the difficulty of securing a satisfactory attendance at the adjourned meeting. The change will become almost a necessity, however, should it be voted at the election on Nov. 7 to have a polling place in Georgetown at town as well as at state elections. This innovation has been urged by west side citizens for several years and the matter is about

ed, and a vote passed authorizing the city attorney to execute the necessary papers to perfect the arrangement for a term of three years.

NEW POSTMASTER

We learn that Edward Hobart has been appointed postmaster at Fairfield center in place of C. B. Wakelee, removed. Mr. Hobart held the office formerly for many years, and gave the best of satisfaction to men of all parties. His location is near the old court house, and much more convenient than that of Mr. Wakelee, for those who have the most business at the office.

TO ARRANGE A PROGRAMME

We hear that several gentlemen of this city are engaged in getting up a programme for a series of National Baseball games, for prizes that will amount in aggregate to ten or twelve hundred dollars. The playing is to be continued three days. The time contemplated for the sport is in the early part of November.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

The Sewer Committee of the Common Council will make an important report to the Board of Aldermen this evening. The report is a recommendation to collect the assessment due the city for the building of the Yellow Mill trunk sewer. The sewer was built in 1859, and cost over \$20,000, but the collection of the assessments has been a source of contention since it was built and the wrangling over it has prevented the collecting of it. The committee will make a strong recommendation that the money due the city for so long be collected. They are anxious to collect the money, as they have sore need of it, and can conveniently use it for other purposes, for instance the elimination of the Union avenue nuisance.

WHEELMEN COMPLAIN

The Consolidated road has just made a new rule that lamps, cyclometers, tool bags, and other attachments of the bicycle must be removed before the wheel is accepted for transportation. If this is not done the owner must sign a release for such attachments or the wheel will not be taken. The rule was made necessary owing to the frequent loss of such articles. Wheelmen do not like it. The removal of all these things is no easy task and most of them sign a release and take the chances of loss rather than do it.

There will be a meeting of the Sixth and Eighth Districts Bryan and Seawall club tonight at Madison Hall. The Bryan adherents on the Ninth and Tenth districts will hold a meeting tonight at Kelly's hall in Willard street. They will be addressed by Hon. Patrick Coughlin and Attorney James J. Lynch. Pequot lodge, I. O. O. F., will work the initiatory degree at tomorrow night's meeting upon several candidates. As the Knights of Pythias are to have the hall Tuesday evening, October 20th, Pequot lodge will work two degrees, one evening during the month.

To reach a final decision. To the finance committee's proposition and its attendant consequences no one offered any opposition at Monday's meeting. The five citizens selected to serve upon it were Michael Connery, Emory P. Sanford, D. S. Sanford, William A. Lounsbury and Charles Sanford. It was voted that the committee's report be published in the three papers which lead in local circulation.

Those interested in the public schools will find complete information in those pages of the annual town report devoted to the report of the school board. It is announced that the Boston school, located in Georgetown, has been discontinued and arrangements made for the transportation of the pupils to the school of the independent union district which has greatly enlarged its facilities by reason of a new building and an increase of three in the teaching staff. The change has the advantage of economy as well as that of providing a wider range of instruction and leaves in operation but three town schools as against ten which were being conducted a few years ago. The Boston school building is not to be sold, at least for the present.

This year's enumeration of children between the ages of four and sixteen is 239, an increase of 17 over last year. The report states that agriculture has been made a required subject of study, thirty minutes each week being devoted to it. In connection with the school room instruction in this branch an effort has been made to encourage home project work with the aid of a committee of citizens organized for that purpose. There is further need, says the report, of a paid agent to supervise the work of agriculture and manual training. During the past year an effort has been made to include physical training and the work is to be further extended. Sewing has also been taught, although not a required subject, and musical instruction is another of the new branches referred to.

PRESBYTERY DISCUSSES MEANS TO INCREASING MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCH

Members of the Connecticut Valley Presbytery met at the First Presbyterian church yesterday to discuss ways and means of greatly increasing church membership. A report by Rev. W. L. Shriver of the New York Presbytery, which has been surveying New England indicated that 70 per cent. of the churches in New England are city churches facing the same problems. Many reports were read during the session which appointed Rev. Charles Stutz of New Haven, student pastor at Yale.

District Attorney Swann assigned Deputy Assistant District Attorney Morris Elder to investigate the rise in the price of bread in New York.

CHINESE FEARING FOR INTEREST IN OUTER MONGOLIA

Russians' Encroachments on Territory Have Given Them Control

Peking, Oct. 4.—Russia's demand that representatives of Outer Mongolia shall not be permitted to sit in the Chinese parliament is an indication that Russia does not intend to slacken the hold which it obtained upon Outer Mongolia through its treaty with China recognizing the autonomy of Outer Mongolia in so far as domestic affairs are concerned.

With Japan encroaching upon Inner Mongolia, as is indicated by the recent riot at Chengchiatun, and with Russia pressing in on Outer Mongolia, Chinese officials are especially uneasy about the intentions of these two powers, particularly in the light of the recent Russo-Japanese treaty in which the two countries agree not to interfere with each other's "special interest" in the Far East.

Prince Koudacheff, the Russian minister, represented to the foreign office that Outer Mongolia being an autonomous government naturally should not participate in the Chinese parliament but should have an assembly of its own to direct its own internal affairs.

Chinese officials have, apparently, never conceded the absolute autonomy of Outer Mongolia. The foreign office is unwilling to admit that the members designated to represent Mongolia which Parliament was first convened in 1913 should not now take their seats. Furthermore the question is raised as to the validity of the Russo-Japanese treaty granting autonomy to Outer Mongolia. Republican leaders say the treaty is not valid, as Yui Shun-kai negotiated it without the ratification of parliament. Originally twelve Outer Mongolian senators and fifteen Mongolian representatives were designated to sit in the two houses of parliament. Ten were Chinese, five Manchus and twelve Mongolians.

Russia's absolute control of Outer Mongolia is well known to all persons in official life in the Far East. Trading with the enemy regulations in Outer Mongolia is quite the same as they are in Russia. The Hutuktu of Urga, who is the real ruler of Outer Mongolia, is under absolute Russian domination.

So far Outer Mongolia has not officially stated whether it desires to be represented in the Chinese parliament. However, in view of Russia's control of Outer Mongolian affairs, it is believed that the Hutuktu will decline representation at Peking if he is called upon by Russia to make a decision in the matter.

The Chamber of Deputies of France has voted in favor of a plan to make the postal service a regular banking institution.

NO PRESENT EQUALS JEWELRY

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LOCAL BOY HAS PICTURE TAKEN WITH GREASERS

Thomas Shaw Finds Life On Mexican Border Healthful.

One Connecticut boy thinks pretty well of a soldier's life on the Mexican border. He is Clifford Shaw, son of Thomas Shaw of West Haven, and brother of Edward Shaw of this city, who is an electrical engineer in the service of the Lake Torpedo Boat Company of Bridgeport.

Clifford Shaw went out with Troop A, of New Haven, and writes as follows, from Lochiel, Arizona: "We have left Nogales for good now, and are on the border, about 40 miles from nowhere. Our camp is about 200 yards from the border. The country is pretty wild. There are more Mexican soldiers on the other side of the border than we have on this side."

"Had my picture taken in Mexico with a bunch of Carranza men. Will send it home."

"We are 6,000 feet above sea level. The nights are awfully cold. The way things look we will be here all winter, but I like it ever so much better than I did at Nogales."

"Tell Ned Squires I am having a cinch now. Don't have anything to do but blow calls. Tell him I can blow anything in the book now and that it's getting easier every day."

"We have a steeplechase course here and can go over it anytime we feel like exercising the horses. We send a patrol along the border 20 miles on the east side and another patrol six miles on the west side."

"The border is simply a barbed wire fence with a monument every three or four miles. This is one of the best cattle-grazing countries in the whole west. The only people we see are cowboys. We get fresh beef for one of the nearby ranches every day and with the other stuff we have, the feeding is fine."

"You won't recognize me when I get home. I am brown as a mulatto, and feeling better than I ever have in my whole life. Don't know how it will seem, to sleep in a regular bed inside a house again, so I may have to sleep in the dooryard to be comfortable."

CLAIMS COMMITTEE TO MEET.

A meeting of the claims committee of the common council will be held Friday evening, at which 32 claims will be considered.

During August, 73 railroads earned \$138,823,938 and expended \$86,436,449.

COLORADO'S BIG PROGRESSIVE IS A WILSON VOTER

Edward P. Costigan, Prominent in His State, Praises the President.

Denver, Col., Oct. 3.—Holding that President Wilson's record is one that compels the support of all true Progressives, Edward P. Costigan, the leading Progressive of this state, announced today that he is for the reelection of the President. Mr. Costigan was a Republican until 1912, when he became the Progressive candidate for governor. He was nominated again in 1914, and polled more votes than the Republican candidate. Mr. Costigan says that the public welfare will best be safeguarded in 1916 by a Democratic victory under the "present forward looking leadership." The Colorado Progressive continues: "It was commonly said in 1912—and the statement has been recently repeated in substance by Raymond Robins—that the Democratic party is unsuited for a constructive national legislative policy." Whatever might be affirmed in this respect of the years prior to 1912, that tradition at last has happily been exploded and a precedent of legislative efficiency has been created which will be for many years to come a guide, a standard and an inspiration for a revitalized Democracy.

"Considering the tariff, which is to be lifted at last, we hope, above politics, which the Progressive party, had it succeeded in 1912, would confidently and reasonably have based its title to re-election."

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

A marriage license was granted today to Albert A. Preuthy, aged 23, a machinist, of 1393 Stratford avenue, and Lillian Harrison, aged 23, of 435 Golden Hill street.

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WE SHOE THE ENTIRE FAMILY.

THE HOUSE OF BETTER SHOES.

THE FATHER OF FRANCISCANS

Members of the Franciscan Order the world over will celebrate the festival of the founder of their religious 690 years ago to-day, Oct. 4, 1226. Society the good St. Francis, who died the "gentle and holy" St. Francis occupied a high place in the affections and reverence of all Catholics, and few of the saints honored by the Church of Rome are held in such esteem.

The name of St. Francis has been commemorated not only by the order of friars he founded, but by a multitude of churches, cities and towns. The greatest of the municipal monuments to St. Francis is, of course, San Francisco. It will be 140 years next Sunday since two friars established the mission of San Francisco on the site of the future metropolis. The village which sprang up near the mission was given the name of Yerba Buena, and so it remained until 1847, when the alcalde changed the name of the budding town to San Francisco.

Yerba Buena means "wild oats," and, in view of the fold and riotous mode of living which characterized the early San Franciscans, the name seems much more appropriate than that of a saint. History records, however, that St. Francis sowed a plentiful crop of wild oats before he settled down to the austere and holy life for which he is noted. Thus one may trace a parallel between the California city and its patron saint, for both were dissolute and wild in their youth, and both became saintly in their old age.

St. Francis was born in the town of Assisi, in Umbria, the son of a hard-headed merchant. The father hoped that his son would become a good business man and add to the family fortune, but, although he gave Francis a share in the firm, the youth showed little inclination toward a business career. Truth to tell, Francis was a much more familiar figure in the cabarets and all-night cafes of Assisi than in the markets of trade. He spent every cent he could wring from the "old man" in maintaining his man about town reputation among the young blades of Assisi. There wasn't a young fellow in all Umbria who could hold a candle to Francis in the matter of sartorial embellishments. In fact, he was what would be described to-day as "some swell dresser." Every night he and the other gay dogs would Asissi howl with their singing and frolics, and by day—or so much of the day as was not spent in sleep—they congregated on the street corners of Assisi's great white way and made spicy comments on the charms of pass-

ing "chickens." This sort of thing went on until Francis was about twenty-five, and if, up to that time, anybody had suggested that the kid would ever have "Saint" tacked in front of his name, that person would have been shipped off immediately to the psychopathic ward for observation. At the age of twenty-five Francis was seized with a severe illness, and for a time his life was despaired of. When at last he pulled through he towed he was through with the sporty life. He exchanged his "glad rags" for the filthy clothes of a beggar, and gave alms to everybody who approached him. His father, who had been distressed by his gay doings, was even more alarmed by his change of heart, and, when flogging and imprisonment had failed to effect the desired results, Francis was disinherited. He then began that career which spread the fame of his sanctity over the whole Christian world, and founded the order of gray-robed friars who have carried the message of Christianity to so many lands.

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